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For: SOLID SEMICONDUCTOR ELEMENT,)
INK TANK, INK JET RECORDING)
APPARATUS PROVIDED WITH INK)
TANK, LIQUID INFORMATION)
ACQUIRING METHOD AND LIQUID)
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DISCRIMINATION METHOD) September 29, 2006

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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants respectfully direct the Examiner's attention to European 1,060,895, a copy of which is enclosed and which is listed on the attached form PTO-1449.

This document was cited during prosecution of a Singapore patent application corresponding to the above U.S. application. A copy of the Search Report and Written Opinion (apparently conducted by the Australian Patent Office on behalf of the Singapore Patent Office), August 23, 2006, is enclosed. In view of this date, it is hereby certified under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) that each document in this Information Disclosure

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Other documents cited in the Search Report have been cited in the Information Disclosure Statements dated August 22, 2003 and September 30, 2003.

The Examiner is urged to study this information in its entirety and to form an independent determination of the materiality of the information to the claimed invention. Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that this information has been considered by initialling the appropriate portion of Form PTO-1449.

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